

PATENT
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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-18, 36-67 and 96-127 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-18, 36-67 and 96-127 have been rejected. Accordingly, Claims 1-18, 36-67 and 96-127 are currently pending.

Double Patenting

Within the Office Action, Claims 1-18, 36-67 and 96-127 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,435. The Applicants respectfully submit a timely filed terminal disclaimer attached hereto to effectively remove the double patenting rejections of Claims 1-18, 36-67 and 96-127.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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